



St Catherine of Siena

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2 11th February 2022

Reflection



The 8th February was the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita. The patron saint of Sudan, she was sold into slavery at 9 yrs of age and suffered under harsh and brutal people. In 1882 she was brought by an Italian family who showed her kindness and respect, this changed her life. As the circumstances of this family changed she was entrusted into the care of the Canossian Sisters and lived with them for the next 50 years. Her life story inspires hope in the face of modern day indifference and exploitation. As Pope Francis states: *'She is charged with showing to all the path to conversion, which enables us to change the way we see our neighbours, to recognize in every other person a brother or sister in our human family, and to acknowledge his or her intrinsic dignity in truth and freedom. This can be clearly seen from the story of Josephine Bakhita, the saint originally from the Darfur region in Sudan who was kidnapped by slave-traffickers and sold to brutal masters when she was nine years old. Subsequently – as a result of painful experiences – she became a "free daughter of God" thanks to her faith, lived in religious consecration and in service to others, especially the most lowly and helpless. This saint, who lived at the turn of the twentieth century, is even today an exemplary witness of hope for the many victims of slavery; she can support the efforts of all those committed to fighting against this "open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ".'* (Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace 2015)

Dear families,

As we begin the school year it is important to remember the importance of daily attendance at school for each child. Victorian law states that attendance is compulsory for young children unless they are isolating or there is a medical or personal reason for not attending. Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. From Prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school and will have a huge impact on your child's education. A signed note needs to be received by the school for each absence, this can be sent in as a paper note or via our Skoolbag app. Enclosed in this newsletter is a poster published by the Department of Education on school attendance. Equally as important as daily attendance is arrival at school prior to 9am. Children who arrive after the school day commences are missing important social interactions with their peers as well as vital initial instruction from their teachers which sets up the remainder of the day. If parents do need to collect their children from school we ask that you do this between 9:00am - 11:00am, 11:30am - 1:30pm or 2:00pm - 2:50pm as the office is not attended between 11:00am - 11:30am or 1:30pm - 2:00pm and it is a challenge to get children in from the yard when they are more interested in playing than listening to announcements.



EVERY DAY COUNTS
Primary school attendance

Three years ago our student leaders worked with me to rewrite our Child Safe Policy in Child Friendly Language. They did a wonderful job in working through this, taking the important core essentials and rewriting this in a way that all children can access and understand. This version of our policy is in all classes so that all children know and understand not only what staff will do to keep them safe; but also how they can be proactive in this themselves. I have included it in the Wellbeing section of this newsletter as a reminder for you all.

Each morning our school yard is supervised from 8:30am until the bell rings at 8:50am. Children should not be arriving at school prior to this time as the yard is unsupervised. If you do need to leave your children at school early they should be registered and signed into OSHClub. All children enrolled in OSHClub will be sent into the yard once supervision begins at 8:30am.

At the moment we have the following dates for Sacraments this year. If these dates change due to restrictions or other circumstances we will let you know as soon as possible

Year 3 Sacrament of Penance = Monday, 4th April, Tuesday, 5th April & Wednesday, 6th April at 7pm

Year 4 Sacrament of Eucharist = Saturday, 18th June

Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation = Saturday, 10th September

Have a good weekend everyone, take care and God bless.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FEE

The curriculum fee for 2022 is \$410 per child. This covers booklists, incursions and excursions (apart from sports events) art materials, physical education equipment, mathematics equipment, readers and literacy games as well as all other curriculum materials. We ask all parents to pay this fee as soon as possible.

If, at any time, you experience difficulties paying your school fees please make an appointment to see me immediately so we can address this before it becomes too big an issue

Congratulations to the following students who have all been elected as our Student Leaders for 2022.

School Captains

Congratulations to Lily Franksen and Dale Fernando on being voted in as our **School Captains** for 2022 and Kristy Saroe and Benji Saliba who are our **School Vice Captains**. I look forward to working with you in your leadership role this year and congratulate you on being voted in by your classmates. You have clearly shown them that you have the qualities of a leader - responsibility, trustworthiness, integrity and a sense of community. We wish you well as you commence the year and know that you will always endeavour to be a wonderful role model for our school community.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the following SRC representatives and their deputy who were chosen, by their class mates, to represent their class on the **Student Representative Council** for 2022. We look forward to working with you all to run events and projects to engage students and develop our school.

Prep A = Mia Jenkins & William McIntyre

Prep C = Mello Zabriskie & Sabrina Sesay

1E = Lexi Thorneycroft & Abigail Kensington

1H = Tayla Camilleri & Heath Peck

2G = Ella Pearmine & Logan Fraser

2K = Jacob Davie & Chelsea Hassell

3J = Miron Fernando & Lilyana Zammit

3M = Mia Kaltner & Nolan D'Silva

4Q = Julia Tat & Dau Mabok

4U = Alexia Zannikos & Akon Yai

5R = Charlie Howell & Ceara Goundar

5V = Frans Hoodi & Mia Wolfe

6N = Dale Fernando & Benji Saliba

6P = Kristy Saroe & Thomas Wright

Prep B = Taylah Duyvestyn & Lachlan Hastings

Prep D = Marion Rodrigo & Isaiah Archer

1F = Ellie Thorneycroft & Jayden Maroun

2I = Emma Williams & Jobe Garcia

3L = Joshua Nunez & Abby Walsh

4S = Ivy Barton & Gabriella Galileos

5T = Bronte O'Connor & Jaymee Cutajar

6O = Lily Franksen & Dayne Crabtree

Christian Service Team

Congratulations to Maria Vukcevic, Kareena Allen, Emily Kaltner, Sama Babawy, Best Nnajeze & Leila Eckardt who will be our **Christian Service Team** for 2022. These children will work with Mrs Giordimaina to promote Prayer, Liturgy and Social Justice initiatives within the school.

Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following children who are our **Sports Captains** for 2022. Ms Hogan and Mr Coleiro look forward to your assistance and contributions throughout the year.

Green (Freeman) = Santino Mabok & Natasha Puccio

Blue (McKillop) = Ella Evans & Bethany Russell

Gold (Hollows) = Josh Auber & Addison McKinley

Red (Roberts) = Mitchell Barton & Indie Thorneycroft

Specialist Monitors

Congratulations to Jayke Gauci, Adheiu Chol, Cecilia Bui & Lily Maguire who will be our **Library Monitors**; to Darcy Thompson, Emma Van Munster, Roselyn Jojo, Allanah Raic & Mwajuma Marinjira who will be our **Art Room Monitors**; to Akot Thuoc & Alat Ngong who will be our **Performing Arts Monitors** and Max Squire, Kobe White, Chimann Poundak, Suzie Brown & Eliezer Tuvukanimigisha who will be our **ICT Monitors**. I know that you will be of great assistance to Mrs Taylor, Ms O'Reilly, Ms Humphries, Mrs Morrell and Mr Donnelly throughout the year.

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday Morning: 9.00am & 11.00am

Sunday Evening: 5.00pm

Mass Times - St Dominic's

Thursday - Friday : 9.15am



w: <http://pol.org.au/melton/Home>



School Photo Day

Monday, 7th March

All students are required to be in full SUMMER uniform. If your child has PERFORMING Art on this day they can bring their sports shoes in their schoolbag.

Personalised order forms will be sent home closer to the date.



Canteen closed Friday, 25th February

No lunch orders or over the counter sales available on this day.

2022 Specialist Timetable

	Sport	Performing Arts	Art	LoTE
Monday		2K		
Tuesday	2G, 2K, 1E, 1H, Prep D	2I, 2G, 1H, 1F, Prep B		2K, 2I, 1F, 1E, Prep A
Wednesday	5R, 5T, 6P, 6O, 1F	5V, 5R, 6O, 6N, 1E	4S, 5R, 5V, 5T	5T, 5V, 6N, 6P, 3M, 3L, 3J, 2G
Thursday	Prep A, Prep B, 4Q, 4S, 2I, 3M, 3J, 3L	Prep C, Prep D, 4U, 4Q, 4S, 3L, 3M, 3J	Prep D, Prep A, 6O, 3M, 6N, 2K, 4U, 3J, Prep C, Prep B	Prep B, Prep C, 4S, 4U
Friday	5V, 6N, 4U, Prep C	5T, 6P, Prep A	2I, 4Q, 6P, 2G, 1H, 1E, 1F, 3L	5R, 6O, 1H, Prep D, 4Q

For Sport and Performing Arts, all children need to wear their Sport Uniform. Runners are only to be worn on Sport and Performing Arts days.

For Art, all children need to wear an art smock. This needs to be waterproof so that paint etc. does not damage children's uniform.



Child Friendly Version of our Child Safe Policy



Pg. 1, Who we are as a school community, what do we value?

St Catherine of Siena is a Catholic school and we follow the saying of St Catherine - "Be all that you can be and you will set the world on fire"

Pg. 2, Why have a Child Safe Policy?

The school staff have a responsibility to keep us safe at school, this policy says how they can do this. At school we also learn things we can do to keep ourselves safe.



Pg. 3, What we all commit to?



Everyone has the right to be safe and protected at school.

Teachers understand children and have ways to talk to them and help them when they have a problem.

The decisions they make need to be good decisions that keep us safe.

All the teachers agree to keep children safe.

Pg. 4, How we are working to create a safe environment?

Our school behaviour expectations help us become better people in school and outside of school and help to keep us safe.

Sometimes our school needs the help of outside experts to help children feel safe and solve problems.



Pg. 5, Code of Conduct

Our school has a Code of Conduct for all staff, this makes sure that they know how to behave around children.

All the staff agree to keep children safe.





Pg. 6, School Expectations

Our school has 6 school expectations which help to keep everybody at school safe.

Our school does not tolerate irresponsible behaviour. There will be a consequence for inappropriate behaviour.

Pg. 7, How can we check that the people who work here are suitable to work with children?

Before employing new staff the school checks with people who know them to make sure that they are suitable to work with children.

We check to see:

- that they sign the Code of Conduct

- if they have a Working with Children Check

- what they did for their last job and what their last boss says about them

- that they know how to work with children properly and respectfully

- that they understand what Child Safety means and their role in keeping children safe.



Pg. 8, How can we be active in keeping ourselves safe?

Students should act in a mature manner and speak up if they see something unsafe.

We can help keep people safe by telling someone if we see something dangerous or unsafe.

We have a Wellbeing teacher to support us if we are feeling upset.

Pg. 9, How can we make sure that we are inclusive of all people?

Everyone is welcomed at our school.

We are all responsible for making visitors feel welcome and safe.

Our school is made up of people from different cultures.

Everyone is respected and treated equally.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award this week.

These awards will be presented to children at school.

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Mia Jenkins

3M - Nyok Anyar

Prep B - Thomas Williams

4Q - Peter Dau

Prep C - Aishia Savage

4S - Owen Maguire

Prep D - Deng Garang

4U - Akon Yai

1E - Ivan Dressler

5R - Adam Dreaver, Whole Class

1F - Apual Manyang

5T - Blake Williamson

1H - Jason Gilbert

5V - Liv Thorneycroft

2G - Nyathon Nagur, Alexander Kondis

6N - Ella Evans

2I - Dau Dau

6O - Addison McKinley

2K - Matilda Hall

6P - Chimann Poundak

3J - Jamie Nobin

Wellbeing - William McIntyre, Abby Walsh, Maddison McGrath

3L - Sage Thompson

Performing Arts - Prep D

Term 1, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 Week 3	8	9 *No School for Preps Today	10	11 *MPSSA Summer Sport- Round 1	12	13
14 Week 4	15	16 *No School for Preps Today	17	18 *MPSSA Summer Sport- Round 2	19	20
21 Week 5	22 *MPSSA District Swimming	23 *No School for Preps Today	24	25 *Canteen Closed *MPSSA Summer Sport- Round 3	26 Reconciliation Presentation Mass	27 Reconciliation Presentation Masses
28 Week 6	1 March	2	3	4	5	6
7 Week 7 School Photos	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Week 8 Labor Day Holiday	15	16	17	18	19	20

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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CANTEEN MENU - Term 1 2022



- To order:**
- * Childs name, grade & order to be written clearly on a lunch bag with money enclosed
 - * If a lunch bag is required, please include an extra 10c
 - * Please indicate on lunch order if tomato sauce/mayo/soy sauce is required
 - * No icy poles or frozen foods to be ordered with lunch order

The canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday



Indicates approved "GREEN" category (EVERYDAY) foods as based on the "Dietary Guidelines for Children & Adolescents in Australia". All other foods listed are "AMBER" category (select carefully).

All menu items are Healthy Kids registered or Canteen approved products.

COLD FOOD		Sand	Roll
😊	Vegemite	2.00	2.50
😊	Cheese (lite)	2.00	2.50
😊	Cheese & Vegemite	2.50	3.00
😊	Egg & Lettuce	2.50	3.00
😊	Tuna	2.50	3.00
😊	Ham	3.00	3.50
😊	Ham & Cheese	3.30	3.80
😊	Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	3.80	4.30
😊	Fresh Chicken	3.50	4.00
😊	Ham/Tuna/Chicken & Salad	4.50	5.00
😊	Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber)	3.50	4.00
😊	Boiled Egg		1.00
😊	Cold Chicken Wrap (Chicken, mayo & lettuce)		4.00
😊	Salad Wrap		4.00
😊	Meat & Salad Pack Choice of Chicken, Ham or Tuna with lettuce, carrot, tomato, cheese, cucumber, ½ egg, bread & butter all in a container with a fork		4.60
😊	Salad Pack As above without meat		4.00

Toasted Sandwiches add 50c

All sandwiches made on white hi-fibre bread. Multi-grain also available.
All spreads are low-fat.

DRINKS		
😊	Fruit Juice (Orange or Apple)	2.30
😊	Water 600ml	2.00
😊	Nippy's Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry)	2.60
😊	Chill Sparkling Fruit Water (Cola, Raspberry or Orange Passion)	2.40
FRUIT		
😊	Seasonal Fruit as available	1.00

COUNTER SALES ONLY

ASSORTED ICY POLES FROM \$1.00

HOT FOOD		
	Hash Brown (oven baked)	1.00
	Party Pies	3 for \$3.00 or \$1.20 ea
	Meat Pie	4.20
	Jumbo Sausage Roll	3.60
	Hot Dog & no sauce	3.50
	Hot Dog & sauce (Cheese extra .30c)	3.80
😊	Buttered Corn Cobette	1.00
	Potato Wedges (Sour Cream extra .30c)	4.00
😊	Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$3.00 or \$1.00 ea
	Steamed Dim Sims	1.00
😊	Cheeseburger (Beef pattie, cheese & sauce)	4.50
😊	Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayo)	4.50
😊	Hot Chicken Roll (Mayo extra 30c)	4.00
	Hot Chicken Wrap (with mild salsa & cheese)	4.50
😊	Lasagne	4.50
😊	Macaroni & Cheese	4.50

* Paper Bags – 10c extra

* Tomato Sauce – 30c extra



SNACKS		
😊	Mini Muffins (Blueberry or Chocolate)	1.30
	Mamee Noodle Snacks (Chicken or BBQ)	1.00
	Red Rock Chips (Honey Chicken or Plain)	1.50
😊	Delites	0.90
	Popcorn (Cheese)	1.20
	Jumpy's (Chicken)	0.90
	Ovalteenies	1.00
	M&M Cookie	1.00
	JJ's (Chicken)	1.20



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School Uniform

1st Sep 2021 – 31st Aug 2022 GST Inclusive

Everyday Uniform

PULLOVER	Size	6 – 22		
	Price	\$65		
SUMMER DRESS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$50		
WINTER PINAFORE	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$52		
GIRLS TROUSER	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$40		
BOYS SHORTS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$23		
BOYS TROUSERS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$33		
S/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$31		
L/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$34		
TIGHTS	Size	Junior	Senior	
	Price	\$10	\$16	
SOCKS	Size	9 – 12	13 – 3	2 – 8 +
	Price	\$10	\$10	\$10
ART SMOCK	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$20	\$20	\$20
BAGS		Everyday	Library	
	Price	\$44	\$15	
HATS	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$14	\$14	\$14
BEANIE	Size	One Size		
	Price	\$15		
RAIN JACKET	Size	4-6 – 12-14	XS – M	
	Price	\$55	\$55	



Sports Uniform

ZIP JACKET	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$47
TRACK PANT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$32
HOUSE POLO TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$30
SPORT SHORTS	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$25
SPORT SKORT	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$26
SPORT SOCKS	Size	Various
	Price	\$10

Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:

In Store at Academy Uniforms, Deer Park:

Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 12noon
10/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park. Phone 03 8385 9111

On-line: Shop on-line at www.academyuniforms.com.au
for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: 5pm Dec 23rd to 9am Jan 4th

Items are not available at Thomastown or Springvale stores.

Healthy Lunchbox Info Session



Come learn how to pack a healthy, learning lunchbox

At the session you will hear and see what constitutes a healthy lunchbox and why it's important as well as ideas and resources to help make it easier to pack a healthy lunchbox.

Council's Health Promotion Officer will talk about ideas to get kids to eat what's in their lunchbox as well as practical, easy swaps you can make and bust myths about snack foods.

DETAILS:

WHEN:

Tuesday 15 February 2022, 10-11am

WHERE:

Online: You will receive a Zoom link once you register

TO REGISTER VISIT:

<https://meltonlearning.com.au/events/healthy-lunchboxes/>

Everyone who registers and attends will be mailed a Healthy Lunchbox magnet checklist after the session.

For more information contact Council's Health Promotion Officer Mia Lobé on 9747 5443 or mial@melton.vic.gov.au



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